

posal is under consideration regarding exploration for oil to be undertaken in any new area this year?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): Yes, Sir.

Deep drilling at Jāwalamukhi and Structural drilling at Bahl in the hilly area of the Punjab by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission will continue. In addition, in the coming winter, the Commission is planning to start structural drilling in Cambay area. Survey will continue in the Jaisalmer area, and the Commission have under consideration Geological Gravity, and Seismic Surveys in U.P. and seismic investigations in the Sibsagar area of Assam. In West Bengal, under the Indo-Stanvac Agreement, the Standard Vacuum Oil Company are doing test deep drilling near Burdwan

Exploration of Petroleum at Jaisalmer

*863. **Shri J. R. Mehta:** Will the Minister of Steel, Mines and Fuel be pleased to refer to the reply given to Starred Question No. 474 on the 30th July, 1957, and lay a statement on the Table showing:

(a) the results of the explorations for Petroleum already made in Jaisalmer area;

(b) the maximum depth to which drilling was undertaken, and

(c) other similar schemes, if any dropped because of difficulty of foreign exchange?

The Minister of Mines and Oil (Shri K. D. Malaviya): (a) to (c). A statement containing the required information is laid on the Table of Lok Sabha. [See Appendix III, annexure No. 7]

Integration of Banks

*864. **Shri H. C. Sharma:** Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state the stage at which the matter relating to the merger of the Bank of Jaipur Ltd., Bank of Bikaner Ltd., Bank of Rajasthan Ltd., and other State associated Banks with the State Bank of India stands?

The Deputy Minister of Finance (Shri B. E. Bhagat): The matter is under consideration.

Gram and Mukhya Sevikas

*865. **Shri R. S. Lal:** Will the Minister of Education and Scientific Research be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Gram and Mukhya Sevikas required for carrying out the Social Welfare Programme; and

(b) the arrangement that has been made for their recruitment and training?

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research (Dr. K. L. Shrimall): (a) The requirements for the Second Five Year Plan period are 12,980 Gram Sevikas and 1,520 Mukhya Sevikas.

(b) The Gram Sevikas required by the Central Social Welfare Board are recruited through the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards and trained at the centres run by the Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust whereas those required by the Ministry of Community Development are recruited through the State Governments and trained at the centres run by the Home Economics Wing of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture

At present no arrangement exists for the training of Mukhya Sevikas.

Death of A Frogman

*867. **Shri Goray:** Will the Minister of Defence be pleased to state:

(a) whether frogman P. N. Pethkar of the Indian Navy attached to the Royal Navy in England was given all the necessary instructions and good equipment before he was sent under water, and

(b) whether Government have obtained a full report of the incident which resulted in his death?

The Deputy Minister of Defence (Sardar Majithia): (a) Yes.

(b) A preliminary report has been received and a detailed report is awaited.